Getting your state parks ready for the next 100 years

In 2013, your state parks system will be 100 years old, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is asking for your help and support in achieving the *Centennial 2013 Vision:*

"In 2013, Washington's state parks will be premier destinations of uncommon quality, including state and regionally significant natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources that are outstanding for public experience, health, enjoyment and learning."

The *Centennial 2013 Plan* is designed to focus the efforts of the Commission, the public and policy-makers on preparing the park system for a second century of service. Preparations include new parks, new visitor opportunities and enhanced public service. The preparations will culminate in a grand celebration of your park system in 2013.

Through donations and a tradition of volunteer work and commitment, previous generations left this legacy of parks to citizens of today to enjoy. The *Centennial 2013 Plan* paves the way for a legacy for future generations.

The plan is in three parts:

- **Our Commitment** Renewing parks and services for all, in six core service areas: stewardship, enjoyment and learning, public service, facilities, partnerships and financial strategy.
- **Your Legacy** Creating new destinations for a population that is growing by a million people a decade.
- **100 Connections** 100 improvements in 100 parks around the state, gifts of labor and materials from volunteers and local communities.

The *Centennial 2013 Plan* is on the Washington State Parks and Recreation Web site at www.parks.wa.gov. If you like the plan, please consider sending an e-mail to Centennial2013@parks.wa.gov. Letters may be sent to: Centennial 2013, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, 7150 Cleanwater Lane, Olympia, WA 98504-2650.



Signed and delivered: Commission members take a breather after installing signs indicating their trailhead gift to Washington citizens. Pictured, left to right: Commissioners Joe Taller, Joan Thomas, Bob Petersen, Cecilia Vogt and Eliot Scull.

State Parks Commission members complete 100 Connections project

Members of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission recently gathered to do a trailhead project at Pass Lake Trail in Deception Pass State Park. Commissioners personally contributed money and labor to complete the project, capping off a trail developed by the Pacific Northwest Trail Association.

Cecilia Vogt, commissioner from Yakima, said it was a fitting activity for Earth Day and to celebrate State Parks' 92nd birthday as the Commission counts down to 2013.

"The individual members of the Commission support parks in other ways besides our work on the governing board of State Parks," Vogt said. "We wanted to adopt a project that would highlight our commitment to the Centennial 2013 Vision and to trails – whether they are cross-state trails or trails within parks. By doing this project, we're serving as role models and encouraging other groups to get out and work in their parks."

<u>Centennial 2013 Plan Endors</u>ements

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CENTENNIAL 2013 IN ACTION

New campground loop, visitor facilities at Grayland Beach State Park



Modernized campground: Drive-through sites at Grayland Beach State Park.

Visitors headed to Grayland Beach State Park near Westport will find an old favorite park transformed. Recently completed state-of-the-art, full-hookup RV campsites include drive-throughs and roomy sites that accommodate the modern-size RVs so popular today. Also new are a visitor welcome center, restroom and shower facilities.

Ten rental yurts – round, wood-frame canvas structures for five – come with beds, lights, heaters and a locking door.

All are reservable on the State Parks reservation system, 1-888-CAMPOUT or online at www.parks.wa.gov.

The \$2.2 million project, funded in part by a Washington Wildlife Recreation Coalition grant, greatly enhances this already popular year-round camping park that offers 7,000 feet of ocean-front and a variety of recreation opportunities.

Statue honors Civilian Conservation Corps at Deception Pass State Park

Visitors to Bowman Bay at Deception Pass State Park will get a reminder of an important part of State Parks history, when they view a recently unveiled statue commemorating the works of the Civilian Conservation Corps. The CCC was established in 1933 to put the country to work. As part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration, the young men of the CCC built many roads, bridges and park structures.

The statue at Deception Pass helps parks staff at the park interpret this important period in history, in a park where CCC stone and log building techniques are evident everywhere.

The statue was paid for by local chapters of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni, the Washington State Parks Foundation and the Harvest Foundation. This "100 Connections" project is an example of Centennial contributions welcomed from volunteer organizations.

Several CCC alumni were on hand to celebrate the unveiling of the statue.



Partnership project: Washington State Parks Foundation board member Cleve Pinnix and State Parks Director Rex Derr admire CCC statue at Deception Pass State Park.

More programs, services and recent accomplishments in your state parks

Model stewardship parks: As part of the Parks and Recreation Commission's Centennial 2013 commitment to stewardship, five state parks have been chosen as Washington's first model stewardship parks. Staff will soon begin working on standards for Federation Forest, Fort Casey, Lake Wenatchee, Leadbetter Point and Rothschild House near Fort Worden. With appropriate funding, these parks will become living laboratories for exploring resource management excellence and for testing and developing sustainable practices by using alternative energy and fuel systems and sustainable technology and products.

Petroglyphs and pictographs tell story: At Columbia Hills State Park on the Columbia River, Native American tribes, State Parks and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently completed an interpretive display for the petroglyphs on site. The display focuses on the story of the native people who have inhabited the area for centuries.

Lewis and Clark exhibit: Visitors to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment State Park are enjoying new state-of-the-art interpretive displays that tell the story of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery. Beach displays in the area commemorate the place where Capt. William Clark camped almost 200 years ago. For more about Lewis and Clark in Washington state, visit www.parks.wa.gov/lewisandclark.

Cleanup at Bottle Beach: At Bottle Beach State Park east of Westport on Grays Harbor, Americorps and Grays Harbor Community College volunteers helped out with a grant project to remove old tires, cars and other debris. The 75-acre park has 6,000 feet of harbor shoreline with mud flats supporting a rich community of invertebrates that attract shorebirds as they migrate from Central and South America to their Arctic breeding grounds. Grays Harbor attracts more than a million birds each spring and is the single most important shorebird feeding area on the Pacific Coast. Audubon has designated Bottle Beach an "Important Bird Area."

Partnerships for arts in parks: State Parks and the Washington State Arts Commission recently kicked off the Folk and Traditional Arts in the Parks program with an evening of fisher poetry at Fort Columbia State Park. Northwest Folklife is teaming up with the two agencies to present Arts and Trails, a 24-event summer series (see schedule at www.parks.wa.gov/lewisandclark). Recently, about 700 people turned out for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at Osoyoos Lake State Park. That event is part of a new series of Central Washington Latino-themed events sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts.